GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Cargo Containers
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists are reportedly using cargo containers for human trafficking and smuggling of arms and ammunitions through sea route;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to check such activities;
(c) whether big sized x-ray or gama-ray scanners that can be used to scan all cargo containers are not available in all major and small ports in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) the action/steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) No, Madam. No such incident has been detected.
(b) Does not arise.
(c)to(e):Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) have installed 4 Mobile Gamma Ray Container Scanners at Chennai Port, Kandla Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port(JNPT) and V.O.Chidambaranar Port. It has also installed 3 Fixed X-ray Container Scanners at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai Port and V.O.Chidambaranar Port. In the second phase, 3 X-ray based Drive Through (Road) Container Scanners at the ports of JNPT, Mundra and Cochin and 2 Drive Through (Rail) Container Scanners at JNPT and Mundra ports are being installed.

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